

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/809,672	KIM, CIN	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Robert J. Sandy	3677	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the application filed 24 May 2004 and phone interview of 7/7/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 24 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                                  |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>20050707</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment  |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                         |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Leason (Reg. No. 36,195) on 07 July 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In **claim 5**, line 1, the first term "the" has been change to - - The - - in order to correct an obvious typographical error I the phrase "the strap of claim 4" which should have read as "The strap of claim 4".

In the **Specification**, line 2 (of the first page) of the first sentence in the first paragraph after the Title, - - Patent No. 6,901,639 B2, - - has been inserted after "2003," in order to identify a patent has been granted on U.S. application No. 10/250,158.

### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a method for securing a tie to a folded shirt having a row of buttons thereon, having the method steps of providing an elongated body having first and second ends, a first portion, a second portion, and a buttonhole through the first portion; wrapping the elongated body around the folded shirt; securing the buttonhole of the first portion of the elongated body to one of the buttons of the row of buttons; disposing the tie on the folded shirt with one part secured proximate to the collar and a second part depending downwardly along the row of buttons; placing the tie over the first portion of the elongated body; attaching the first end to the elongated body at a first position which is displaced from the second end; and attaching the second end to the elongated body at

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second a position which is displaced from the first end, whereby the second portion overlies the tie and the tie is seated between the first and second portions and secured between the first and second positions.

Regarding claim 3, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a strap for use with a shirt and tie combination, the strap having the structural combination including first and second scorelines extending generally perpendicular to a length of the elongated body, and first and second side portions between the first end and the first scoreline and the second end and the second scoreline, respectively, the first and second side portions having a combined length greater than the length of the central portion of the strap between the scorelines; wherein the elongated body is foldable along the first and second scorelines, the first end is attachable to the second side portion and the second end is attachable to the first side portion; a channel, defined by the first and second side portions when the first and second side portions are attached to the second and first ends, respectively, and a buttonhole through the first side portion.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J. Sandy whose telephone number is 571-272-7073. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J.J. Swann can be reached on 571-272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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